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Club Meetings

Meetings are held the third Friday of each month in the Human Services building located at:

501 W. Sanford in central Arlington at 7:30 p.m.

Members generally begin arriving at 7:00 pm.

The executive board meeting is held prior to the general member meeting at starting at 6:30 pm. All members are welcome to attend the executive board meeting.

K5SLD Repeaters

147.14+ PL 110.9

224.8- PL 110.9

444.2+ PL 100.0

President's Corner

Greetings to all.

Can you believe it? While summer is certainly hanging on, the vacation season is almost over and schools everywhere are coming back to life. That usually means heavier traffic on the morning commute and active school zones throughout the day. So, please stay alert... and be on the lookout for kids, crossing guards, and yellow flashing lights. That said, I hope you had an enjoyable summer with your families and friends, both on and off the road. If you traveled, we would love to hear about your adventures and if they included any ham radio activities. On the other hand, you may have stayed home, and traveled the world on HF, DSTAR, or by Satellite. Perhaps you upgraded, earned an award, or simply reactivated your station from a long hiatus. Whatever the case, we want to know what you've been up to...which segways into the next topic; What's coming next!

Well, that would be our August meeting, this Friday. It's a "double header", known as our Annual Ice Cream Social and Show-n-Tell event. That's two main attractions in one fun-packed evening...and you won't want to miss it!

So, what's an Ice Cream Social? That's where we beat the heat by bringing and sharing our favorite ice cream, cookies, and toppings as we gather for the meeting. And what is Show-n-Tell? That's where YOU display and tell the rest of us about all the cool stuff you've been working on all year. Stuff like an old or new radio, a favorite collection or display, a kit you've built or a work in progress, a favorite QSL Card/Collection, an Award you've achieved or whatever else you want to show... So, bring it, show it and tell us all about it. We want to share in the satisfaction you get from the hobby... as we gain fresh insight and inspiration from each other. There's so much to explore in Amateur Radio. Let's learn together!

See you then.

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Jack Weaver, AA5VZ

President - AARC

Announcements

July 2023 program

Ice cream Social & Show and tell

Bring some of your favorite ice cream or cookies, not a lot, but enough to share with one or two. Actually you can bring a lot if you want to, but we are not taking be blame when you have to take it home and eat it all before it goes bad. Then we settle back wit a little show and tell. Show us what you are working on and tell us about it.

Newsletter Submissions

Submissions for the newsletter are due by the Saturday preceding the monthly club meeting. I would prefer receive them in Word format or in a text editor like Notepad.

Birthdays

Allen Hilton, K5APH	8/28
Hank Hufham, KG5UUY	8/17
Trey Seastrunk, AF5XS	8/21
Jim Stiebing, WB5UFD	8/22

If I missed your birthday, let me know (I won't include the year, it makes me feel old) – Trey

Calendar of Events

August 18: Board Meeting 6:30 pm,
501 W. Sanford, Arlington, TX, 76011
All members are welcome attend.

August 18: General Membership Meeting
7:30 pm, 501 W. Sanford, Arlington, TX, 76011

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85856270804?pwd=RXFoWk5FUjFLWitaVmRLbUp6bHAzQT09>

Meeting ID: 858 5627 0804
Passcode: 222666

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- +1 689 278 1000 US
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- +1 301 715 8592 US (Washington DC)
- +1 305 224 1968 US
- +1 309 205 3325 US
- +1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)

Meeting ID: 858 5627 0804

Passcode: 222666

Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85856270804>

==== Dining Out (August 19: 5:00PM) ====

Twisted Root Burger Company, 300 E Abram St Suite 170, Arlington, TX 76010

==== Breakfast (September 2, 8:30 am) ====

Pioneer Restaurant 306 109th St, Arlington, TX 76011

Testing:

There is a \$14 cash fee for taking the test (if you pass and want to take the test for the next level, the \$14 covers the additional test(s) as well).

As of April 13, 2022 the FCC will begin charging an application fee of \$35.00 for license applications.

Also note you will need your FRN number and a valid email prior to taking that first test.

August 19: Testing - 10:00 am, 401 W. Sanford. Enter on north side of the building.

September 2: Testing - 10:00 am, 401 W. Sanford. Enter on north side of the building



THE WEDNESDAY NET
WEDNESDAY EVENINGS AT 7:00 PM
CLUB REPEATER 147.140 PL 110.9



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Join us for the Wednesday Net

Need a Badge?

Warning sirens

The City of Arlington tests its outdoor warning sirens at 1:00 pm on the first Wednesday of each month, using volunteer observers, most of whom are hams reporting into a net held on the AARC's 2m repeater (147.140+, PL 110.9). Check-ins begin during the noon hour, and the test typically concludes before 1:30 pm. More observers are always needed, so please consider helping with this valuable effort if you can spare about an hour at lunchtime once a month.

For more information, contact the Office of Emergency Management (817-459-6939).

Meeting Minutes

July 2023 Membership Meeting Minutes submitted by Andy Kapushoc KB2VQA, Secretary

The regular meeting of the membership of the AARC was called to order on July 21st, 2023, at 7:35 pm by the President, Jack AA5VZ. Other board members present included Vice President, Torre AA5CX; Secretary, Andy KB2VQA; Treasurer and Repeater Trustee, Maurice KM5RF; Training Coordinator and Agent of Record, Phil N5PWW; and Emergency Coordinator, Clayton K5CWS. Absent was Editor, Trey AF5XS.

Jack AA5VZ called the meeting to order and asked attendees to introduce themselves by name and call sign.

Jack mentioned that dues for 2023 continue to be collected. Jack recognized the membership for assisting with Field Day activities that included setting up and tearing down the equipment, bringing food to the barbeque dinner, and operating the stations. Clayton K5CWS, leading his first Field Day as Emergency Coordinator, was thanked for assembling a great team. Bill AE5BT and his family were thanked for providing a wonderful barbeque dinner, and Rob May W5WS was thanked for providing pizza for lunch during the setup of equipment.

Jack informed the membership that Torre will be presenting the evening's program on mapping the ionosphere, and Virginia NV5F will participate in the Moon Day event tomorrow at the Frontiers of Flight Museum. The next siren test will be held on August 2nd and is an opportunity to assist the community.

Torre AA5CX mentioned that the presentation for the evening will be on how citizen scientists can use amateur radio to assist professional scientists.

Philip KD5WBW, in the role of Public Information Officer, reported that he sent thank-you messages via Winlink to those visitors that attended Field Day.

Andy KB2VQA noted that the July newsletter contained the minutes from the June meetings. It was noted that the call sign of Philip was incorreccted recorded as KD5WDW and should have been KD5WBW. A motion was made and carried to accept the minutes as published with the noted correction.

Maurice KM5RF reviewed the financial reports for June. A motion was made and carried to accept the June report for audit as published.

Maurice has been investigating an intermittent issue with the repeater. A motion was made to approve the expenditure of \$450 from the repeater fund if replacement of the feed line and connectors are required. The motion carried.

Phil N5PWW continues to hold testing sessions in person promptly at 10 am on the first and third Saturdays of the month at 401 W. Sanford Street (use the entrance on the north side). Training classes are not in progress.

Clayton K5CWS thanked everyone who participated in Field Day activities. Some sign-in sheets from Field Day are missing, and Clayton asked those who participated in Field Day to add their names to the sheet tonight.

Old business: No old business was presented.

New business: No new business was presented.

A break was taken at 8:22 pm. The meeting resumed at 8:37 pm with a presentation by Torre on how citizen science intersects with amateur radio to map the ionosphere.

The meeting adjourned at 9:22 pm. The sign-in sheet showed 20 people in attendance, 18 indicating AARC membership. Zoom attendees numbered 6.

July 2023 Executive Board Meeting Minutes submitted by Andy Kapushoc KB2VQA, Secretary

The regular meeting of the Executive Board of the AARC was held on July 21st, 2023, at 6:35 pm. Present were President, Jack AA5VZ; Vice President, Torre AA5CX; Secretary, Andy KB2VQA; Treasurer and Repeater Trustee, Maurice KM5RF; Emergency Coordinator, Clayton K5CWS; and Training Coordinator and Agent of Record, Phil N5PWW. Absent was Editor, Trey AF5XS.

Jack AA5VZ called the meeting to order.

Jack thanked Clayton for leading his first Field Day. Jack mentioned that the next siren test will be held on August 2nd. Torre will be providing a presentation on mapping the ionosphere.

Andy KB2VQA confirmed that the July 2023 newsletter contained the minutes from the June 2023 meetings.

Torre AA5CX mentioned that the presentation for the evening will be on amateur radio operators within the HamSCI community assisting professional scientists to map the ionosphere.

Maurice KM5RF reviewed the financial report. He may wish to replace the feed line at the repeater site and asked the board to approve the budgeting of \$450. The motion carried and will be put before the membership for approval.

Phil N5PWW continues to hold face to face testing sessions promptly at 10 am on the first and third Saturdays of the month. The W5YI group submits the paperwork related to licenses. Training classes are not being held.

Clayton K5CWS informed the board that Field Day contact information has been collected.

The meeting adjourned at 7:27 pm.

July 2023 Financial Report

	DESCRIPTION	CATEGORY	BALANCE
BALANCE			
6/30/2023		GENERAL FUND	1,885.40
		GOOD & WELFARE	739.13
		REPEATER FUND	823.47
		CHECKING	3,448.00
		SAVINGS	2,235.66
		PETTY CASH	25.00
		NET TOTAL	5,708.66
EXPENSES			
		TOTAL	
INCOME			
	DUES	2023 DUES	36.51
	GOOD & WELFARE	GOOD & WELFARE	8.00
	SAVINGS DIVIDEND	DIVIDEND	0.22
		TOTAL	44.73
		OVERALL NET CHANGE	44.73
BALANCE			
7/31/2023		GENERAL FUND	1,921.91
		GOOD & WELFARE	747.13
		REPEATER FUND	823.47
		CHECKING	3,492.51
		SAVINGS + .22	2,235.88
		PETTY CASH	25.00
		NET TOTAL	5,753.39

Membership

Want to join the club

2023 Club Dues are due

Print a membership form from our website k5sld.org and join us.

Annual dues are \$25.00 Individual, \$35.00 Family, or \$15.00 Associate

Membership dues received after July 1st from applicants that were not members the previous year shall be one-half of the annual dues

2023 Club Officers

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